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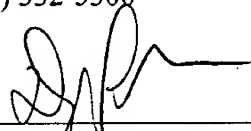
Claims 1-12, which were elected for initial examination in the response to the restriction requirement in this application, have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants request examination of previously non-elected claims 13-36. If necessary, this paper can be considered an explicit request to change the original election to group II for this continued prosecution application. Applicants are not conceding the correctness of the rejections of claims 1-12 in the March 15, 2002 Office Action, and reserve the right to pursue that subject matter in a continuing application.

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